

John 9:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

'Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them.' Opinion divides among the Pharisees themselves. Some see Sabbath violation as proof of sin; others see the miracle as proof of divine power. The division shows that evidence doesn't automatically produce agreement. Presuppositions determine conclusions.

Historical Context

This internal disagreement among Pharisees shows the miracle's undeniable power. Even those predisposed to oppose Jesus couldn't deny the reality. Nicodemus may have been among the sympathetic faction. The division would persist.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. Why does the same evidence produce opposite conclusions?
2. How do presuppositions affect interpretation of spiritual evidence?

Interlinear Text

ἔλεγον	οὖν	ἐκ	τῶν	Φαρισαίων	τινές	οὗτος	ό
said	Therefore	of	G3588	the Pharisees	some	This	G3588
G3004	G3767	G1537		G5330	G5100	G3778	
ἄνθρωπος	οὐ	ἔστιν	παρὰ	τοῦ	θεοῦ	ὅτι	τὸ
a man	not	is	of	G3588	God	because	G3588
G444	G3756	G2076	G3844		G2316	G3754	
σάββατον	οὐ	τηρεῖ	ἄλλοι	ἔλεγον	Πῶς	δύναται	
the sabbath day	not	he keepeth	Others	said	How	can	
G4521	G3756	G5083	G243	G3004	G4459	G1410	
ἄνθρωπος	ἀμαρτωλὸς	τοιαῦτα	σημεῖα	ποιεῖν	καὶ	σχίσμα	
a man	that is a sinner	such	miracles	do	And	a division	
G444	G268	G5108	G4592	G4160	G2532	G4978	
ἥν	ἐν	αὐτοῖς					
there was	among	them					
G2258	G1722	G846					

Additional Cross-References

John 7:43 (Parallel theme): So there was a division among the people because of him.

John 10:19 (Parallel theme): There was a division therefore again among the Jews for these sayings.

Matthew 12:2 (Resurrection): But when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day.

John 3:2 (References God): The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

John 7:12 (Parallel theme): And there was much murmuring among the people concerning him: for some said, He is a good man: others said, Nay; but he deceiveth the people.

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